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**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 5249*****AN ACT CONCERNING COPAYMENTS FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill prohibits certain health insurance policies from imposing a copayment of more than \$30 per visit for in-network occupational therapy services performed by a state-licensed occupational therapist. Effective January 1, 2015, the law already does this for in-network physical therapy services performed by a state-licensed physical therapist.

The bill applies to individual and group policies delivered, issued, renewed, amended, or continued in Connecticut that cover (1) basic hospital expenses; (2) basic medical-surgical expenses; (3) major medical expenses; or (4) hospital or medical services, including coverage under an HMO plan. Due to the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), state insurance benefit mandates do not apply to self-insured benefit plans.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2015

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/13/2014)